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Press Release

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Joplin to join cities nationwide for “America’s Night Out Against Crime”

(Joplin, MO) – On Tuesday, August 6th, neighborhoods throughout Joplin are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 30th Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime prevention event. National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Joplin Police Department, and will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 37 million people are expected to participate in America’s Night Out Against Crime. NNO 2013 is being supported in part by Target, a national corporate sponsor. Local sponsors include the City of Joplin Parks and Recreation, Joplin Fire Department, METS Ambulance, 105.3 New Life Radio, Arvest Bank, Coca Cola, Anderson’s Ice Cream, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #27, Community Partnerships, and the Alliance of Southwest Missouri.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) heighten crime prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships. More details can be found at www.nationalnightout.org.

Joplin’s National Night Out 2013 event will be held at Ewert Park starting at 5:30 pm. Free food and drinks will be served during the event. This will be a fun-filled family friendly night with several events for children of all ages. One of the main attractions will be a free swim at the Ewert Aquatic Center starting at 6:30 pm. Last year more than 300 Joplin area residents came out and enjoyed the National Night Out and another large turnout is expected this year.

The Joplin Police Department is currently seeking donations from residents, businesses, and civic organizations towards their 2013 National Night Out Against Crime. All sponsors will be listed on the Joplin Police Departments website and on various publications that are posted or distributed throughout the summer and on the evening of the event.

Any kind of donation is appreciated:

- ***Providing food for the event.*** Any business that would like to donate food items needs to contact one of the officers listed above. Members of the Joplin Police Department will be grilling and are accepting donations that accompany and compliment the grill. If you would like to know what food item needs donated, feel free to contact an officer listed above.
- ***Providing a door prize donation.*** We ask that all door prizes be provided in letter or coupon form so that they can be more easily stored and distributed. Each door prize winner will then be invited to redeem their prize at your place of business. Suggested types of door prizes include gift certificates, gift cards, or merchandise/food items.

Schedule of Events

5:30	Begin serving food
5:30 to 8:30	Dunk tank and inflatable games
5:30 to 8:30	Police, Fire, EMS vehicles will be on display
6:30 to 8:30	Free swim at Ewert Aquatic Center
6:45	Joplin Police K-9 demonstration
7:45	Joplin Police K-9 demonstration